

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	Ricky William Barnett	Confirmation No.:	6295
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For:	MODULAR HINGE FOR HANDHELD ELECTRONIC DEVICES		

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115**

This correspondence is responsive to the Office Action of October 1, 2010. This preliminary amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks presented herein. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.